(c) whether it is also a fact that several other multilevel marketing companies are also active in the country;

(d) if so, the details of these companies; and

(e) the action contemplated to protect the innocent citizens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh has recently dismissed a Writ Petition filed by Amway India Enterprises (AMWAY) seeking permission to restrain Andhra Pradesh Police and other Government agencies from interfering in its operation on the grounds that the scheme run by AMWAY attracts the definition of "Money Circulation Scheme" as provided in the Prize Chits Money Circulation Scheme (Banning) Act, 1978.

(c) and (d) The Central Government do not maintain data on the number of multilevel marketing companies operating in the country as registration is done with the various registering authorities in the States. The implementation of the Prize Chits Money Circulation Scheme (Banning) Act, 1978 lies with the respective State Governments.

(e) The provisions of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930 and the Indian Contracts Act, 1872 regulate the sales of goods or services in the country. The Consumer Protection Act, 1986 is an umbrella legislation to promote and protect the rights of the consumers in the country. If the consumer is aggrieved by the action of provider of goods and services he can file a complaint in any consumer fora, established under this Act.

Allocation of foodgrains to Chhattisgarh

†1989. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains allocated by the Central Government under Chhattisgarh State's foodgrains quota during the year 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 alongwith the details thereof, foodgrain-wise;

(b) the details of such foodgrains together with the extent of decrease or increase in their quantity each year; and

(c) the details of objections raised by the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) The details of the allocations made for the State of Chhattisgarh, foodgrain-wise, during year 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto October 07) are as under:

(In Thousand Tonnes)

Year	Commodity	Allocation
1	2	3
2005-06	Rice	1,395.47
	Wheat	437.96
	Total	1,833.43
2006-07	Rice	1,479.68
	Wheat	120.65
	Total	1,600.33

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3
2007-08 (Upto October, 2007)	Rice	452.57
	Wheat	33.79
	Total	486.36

For the Above Poverty Line (APL) category, the allocations of wheat and rice have been rationalized, w.e.f. June, 2006 and April, 2007 respectively, on the basis of monthly offtake of previous three years for all the States/Union Territories, including the State of Chhattisgarh, to make them realistic and in line with availability of wheat in the Central Pool. On request of the State Government, wheat allocation for APL category has been substituted by rice.

The State Government of Chhattisgarh has requested for increase/restoration of allocation of wheat and rice made for APL category to levels before the rationalization. In view of the uniform applicability of the policy for rationalisation to all the States and lower availability of foodgrains in Central Pool due to less procurement, the request of Chhattisgarh Government could not be acceded to. However, an adhoc/additional allocation of 6000 tonnes of APL wheat was made to Chhattisgarh for September and October, 2006 and 3104 tonnes for November and December, 2007. Further, one-time adhoc/ additional allocation of 1552 tonnes APL wheat has been made for festivals during October, 2007 for the State of Chhattisgarh.

Procurement of rice for TPDS

1990. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exercise of procurement of rice for the Targeted Public Distribution System has become more arduoustas, the supply from Punjab and Haryana the two States that contribute seventy per cent of the stock building is almost over;

(b) if so, what innovative steps are being taken to address the situation;

(c) whether his Ministry is proposing to make good the deficit of procurement by focusing on other rice growing States such as Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Orissa and West Bengal;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir. A quantity of 69.66 lakh tonnes of rice has been procured in Punjab in Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2007-08 as on 5.12.2007 against 71.49 lakh tonnes of rice procured in the corresponding period in previous KMS. 14.33 lakh tonnes of rice has been procured in Haryana against 16.06 lakh tonnes of rice procured in the corresponding period in previous KMS. In addition, levy rice on paddy purchased by millers is to be delivered to FCI upto 30th June, 2008.

(b) to (e) Steps taken to maximize procurement of rice in Punjab and Haryana as well as other rice growing states in KMS 2007-08 are given in Statement.